

BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION (

1 **COMMISSIONERS** RECEIVED 2 **BOB STUMP - CHAIRMAN** 3 2014 MAR 24 P 2: 43 **GARY PIERCE** ORIGINAL **BRENDA BURNS** 4 **BOB BURNS** ORP COMMISSION SUSAN BITTER SMITH DOCKET CONTROL 5 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF DOCKET NO. T-02063A-13-0411 ARIZONA TELEPHONE COMPANY, AN ARIZONA CORPORATION, FOR A HEARING TO DETERMINE THE EARNINGS OF THE COMPANY, THE FAIR VALUE OF STAFF'S NOTICE OF FILING THE COMPANY FOR RATEMAKING TESTIMONY SUMMARY OF PAMELA PURPOSES, AND TO INCREASE GENUNG RESIDENTIAL RATES AS NECESSARY TO 10 COMPENSATE FOR THE RATE IMPACTS OF THE FCC'S USF/ICC 11 TRANSFORMATION ORDER. 12 Staff of the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Staff") hereby files the Testimony Summary 13 14 of Pamela Genung in the above docket. RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 24th day of March, 2014. 15 16 17 Charles H. Hains, Attorney 18 Maureen Scott, Senior Staff Counsel Attorneys, Legal Division 19 Arizona Corporation Commission 1200 West Washington Street 20 Phoenix, Arizona 85007 (602) 542-3402 21 22 23 Arizona Corporation Commission 24 Original and thirteen (13) copies of the foregoing filed this 24th day of DOCKETED 25 March, 2014, with: MAR 2 4 2014 26 **Docket Control** DOCKETED BY Arizona Corporation Commission 27 1200 West Washington Street

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF PAMELA GENUNG ARIZONA TELEPHONE COMPANY DOCKET NO. T-02063A-13-0411

On November 27, 2013, Arizona Telephone Company ("Arizona Telephone" or "Applicant") filed an application for a determination of its earnings and the fair value of its investment and requested that its residential rates be increased as necessary to compensate for the rate impacts of the Federal Communication Commission's ("FCC's") November 18, 2011, USF/ICC Transformation Order ("USF/ICC Order") pursuant to Arizona Revised Statute ("A.R.S.") § 40-250.

Staff recommends that the Arizona Telephone monthly residential local exchange rate increase from \$14.00 to the lesser of \$19.00 or the 2014 local service rate floor established by the FCC. Staff further recommends that the rate increase become effective on the rate floor compliance date, as determined by the FCC. Staff believes the proposed increase is just, fair and reasonable for the following reasons:

- The increase is necessitated by the FCC's November 18, 2011 USF/ICC Order;
- The increase is necessary to preserve the entirety of the Federal Universal Service Fund ("FUSF") funds that may flow to Arizona Telephone pursuant to the FCC's rules;
- The increase will minimize/reduce the amount of future rate increases; and
- The increase will allow the Applicant to receive matching funds from the FUSF.

Staff further recommends that any future rate increase applications filed by Arizona Telephone be processed per full A.A.C. R14-2-103 requirements, not streamlined.